Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—Sir, once the Labour Commissioner reports to the Minister that the conciliation procedure has failed and in case the Minister has once again to open the matter and say that he would re-conciliate the matter, will it not amount to dodging in the matter ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I am sorry for the imputation. I have tried in about 10 cases and I have succeeded in six and in the other four cases I have not been successful. But it has been found to be of great advantage to the parties.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—In the case of the Spun Silk Mills, Chennapatna, the Labour Commissioner reported that there had been a breach of the agreement so far as the implementation of the award was concerned. The Hon'ble Minister says that after getting legal interpretation of the award he would further negotiate in the matter. This amounts to dodging and nothing else; is it not correct ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—He is not correct, Sir. In fact the other day we discussed this matter and if necessary, I am prepared to throw further light on that.

Harijans, Bangalore District (Drinking Water Wells)

Q.—414. **Sri H. T. PUTTAPPA** (Hoskote-Anekal-Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of drinking water wells dug for the use of Harijans in Bangalore District;

(*b*) the number of villages in which there are no such drinking water wells for Harijans (talukwar information may kindly be given) ?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 526.

(*b*) 366.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಟಿ. ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ.—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಜನರಿಗಾಗಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಬಾವಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಇರುವ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 366 ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದರ ಅರ್ಥವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—366 ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಅರ್ಥ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಟಿ. ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ.—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿವೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ನೋಟೀನು ಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಟಿ. ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ.—ಎರಡೂವರೆ, ಮೂರು ಸಾವಿರ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿವೆಯಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಇಪ್ಪೈ ಇವೆ ಎಂದು ಈಗ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಟಿ. ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ.—ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಬಾವಿಗಳು ಇರುವ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 526, ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಬಾವಿಗಳಿಲ್ಲದ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 366 ಎಂದು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಸರಿಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ನಾವು ಭಾವಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—Sir, in your reply you have said 526 villages have been provided with wells and there are 366 yet to be provided for. May I know the number of villages wherein the Harijan friends are living in the Bangalore District ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—That information, it is not possible to give at present. In almost all villages where Harijan slive in considerable numbers—say 30 to 40 families, we are trying to give wells.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—The point at dispute is that this information as to the number of villages is not correct, because even looking at the number of villages that are in Bangalore district, in all the eleven taluks they will amount to more than 1,000, where as if both the figures furnished in your answer are totalled, the number will not come to even 900; can this figure be correct ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It is correct Sir, because the information given is with regard to villages where wells have still to be dug. There may be other villages where there are already wells in existence and which do not require further wells.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—Sir . . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—The answer now given makes it clear that there may be Harijans in other villages where there may be no necessity to dig wells.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—The question is about the total number of wells dug for the use of Harijans; there is no point in furnishing the answer

omitting the villages where wells have been already dug according to the Minister. Apart from that, Sir, may I know what time you would take to provide drinking water wells to all these 366 villages ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—The exact time within which they are going to be completed cannot be stated now. As early as possible, wells will be taken up and completed.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Government have been pleased to provide four lakhs of rupees to provide drinking water wells, just at the tail end of the financial year ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Not exclusively for Harijans.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—In general ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—That does not arise.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—It arises, Sir, because that amount is included for providing drinking water wells to Harijans.

Sri. T. CHANNIAH.—Under the removal of Untouchability scheme, I think a certain grant has been given for the construction of these wells and this work will be completed quickly.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—Taking into account the fact that the financial year is almost at an end, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to convert the grant into a non-lapsable grant ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I think the rules cannot be changed for this purpose.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—Sir, the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to state in another connection that the grant given to the Mysore City Municipality for the purpose of putting up Houses for Harijans would be converted into non-lapsable grant; will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased similarly to convert this amount also into a non-lapsable grant so that the well work may be taken up and executed in the course of the next year ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—That is a different item of work. If the amount provided for this item lapses, the Government will provide an additional amount next year.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—In that event, will you please bear in mind that the allotment will be intimated to the revenue taluks much earlier than it has been done all these years ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I have assured that in the beginning of the year the allotment will be intimated to the several officers who will be requested to take up the work immediately and execute the same as expeditiously as possible.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What is the policy of the Government in regard to grant of wells to Harijans and other Castes Hindus ? Does the Government give common wells or separate wells to Harijans and Caste Hindus ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Wherever Harijans want separate wells, in such villages, separate wells are provided; wherever all the sections of the people agree to have common wells, in such cases, we provide common wells to all sections of people.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—From the point of view of removal of untouchabilty, is it not better that common drinking water wells are provided both for the Caste Hindus and Harijans in the villages ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—That is our hope. If the Hon'ble Member works in that direction, he would be helping the cause to a great extent.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—I want to know whether Government is doing anything in that direction ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—We have issued suitable instructions to officers in this behalf.